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1) said hydrophobic block serves as a backbone to which said hydrophilic polymers or oligomers are grafted, wherein said hydrophobic block comprises ionizable and permanently-charged amphiphilic random copolymers including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of alkylacrylic acid derivatives, acrylic acid derivatives, aminoalkylacrylate derivatives, and (amino alkyl) alkylacrylate derivatives in combination with said nonionic hydrophobic repeating monomers;

and/or

2) said hydrophilic block serves as a backbone to which one or more hydrophobic blocks of claim <sup>26</sup>~~27~~ are grafted.

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### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The amendments set forth above overcome rejections previously set forth under 35 USC 112 first and second paragraphs, and 35 USC 102.

### ***Conclusion***

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